Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The military personnel and their dependants at the former Rapid City Air Base and now Ellsworth Air Force Base have always been considered residents by the State of South Dakota and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota feels proud and honored that Ellsworth AFB and the 28th Bombardment Wing have been selected to receive the new B1-B bomber on January 21, 1987; and,

WHEREAS, It is only fitting and proper that the B1-B take its place in the history of western South Dakota following such military hardware as the B-17s, B-29s, B36s, B52s and the Nike, Titon, Minuteman I and Minuteman II missiles.

WHEREAS, The arrival of the B1-B at Ellsworth AFB will insure the future operation of the base into the 21st Century, thus perpetuating the economic base that Ellsworth AFB provides western South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The additional seven hundred personnel and their dependants will add approximately 1,838 new people to the community, thus increasing the economic base of western South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The officers and enlisted personnel and civilians of Ellsworth AFB are to be honored and congratulated for being selected to receive the B1-B so they can practice their motto "Peace in our profession" by forming the important mission of providing the manned bomber leg of the nation's triad defense system with the world's most modern bomber:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do herety proclaim January 21, 1987, as

B-1B STRATEGIC BOMBER DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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